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REMARKS

The indication of allowed claims 40-50 is appreciated. The remaining non-elected claims have been canceled without prejudice, and applicant reserves the right to pursue this subject matter in a continuing application.

The acknowledgement of the claimed foreign priority is appreciated.


The Abstract has been amended as requested.

Rather than amending the drawings, the specification has been revised at paragraph [00176].

This application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and early notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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